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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT

: Security Clearance Review

REFERENCE

: Memo for Heads of all U.S. Departments and Agencies fr General Haig dtd 30 June 71,

subj: Security Clearance Review

- 1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the Director; this action is contained in paragraph 3.
- 2. Tab A is the Government-wide directorate signed by General Haig requiring submission by 10 July of statistics on Top Secret and compartmented clearances. It is believed that the Agency should request exception from the written report provision since compliance would record a nearly accurate personnel strength figure. It is felt that General Haig and his staff did not realize this problem which the directive poses uniquely for CIA.
- 3. It is recommended that (a) you contact General Haig to request that the Agency be excepted from written compliance with his 30 June memorandum and be permitted if required to report at all to provide figures orally, or (b) if the above is not acceptable that you sign the attached letter to General Haig (Tab B).

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR

HEADS OF ALL U.S. DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Security Clearance Review

The President has directed that the following actions be taken by each department and agency of the U.S. Government having authority and responsibility for the classification of information affecting the national defense and security, and for the granting of security clearance for access to such information, pursuant to the provisions of Federal laws, Executive Orders, Presidential directives, and departmental regulations:

- 1. The submission of a report by noon Saturday, July 10, 1971 providing the number of employees (those regularly employed by the U.S. Government, those serving as consultants, and those employees of private business concerns engaged in the performance of classified contacts with the U.S. Government) who hold clearances for access to (a) Top Secret information, and (b) the various categories of compartmented intelligence data.
- 2. The compilation, by the end of July, of lists of the names of the holders of clearances in the Top Secret and compartmented categories referred to above broken down to indicate government or nongovernment employment.

It is further directed that each responsible department and agency initiate at once a review and screening of each Top Secret and compartmented clearance presently held by individuals in the above employment categories with a view to effecting immediate reductions of all clearances which cannot be demonstrated to meet the requirement of strict need to know. Particular consideration is to be given to the screening of employees in the consultant and contracted categories.

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Each responsible department and agency shall also initiate immediately a review of those individuals and organizations outside the government now retaining Top Secret or compartmented material with the aim of drastically reducing such non-government holdings.

Alexander M. Haig Jr

Brigadier General, U.S. Army Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Brigadier General Alexander M. Haig, Jr. Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs The White House

Dear Al,

In compliance with your memorandum of 30 June 1971 this is to report the number of employees holding clearances for access to (a) Top Secret information and (b) Compartmented intelligence data.

Top Secret
Compartmented

Because CIA is responsible for recording compartmented clearances of employees of private business for all U.S. Government departments and agencies the compartmented figure above is the Government-wide total figure in this category.

I think we in CIA have a unique problem in protecting the number of employees we have from unauthorized disclosure. It is for this reason we have classified the letter Top Secret.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms Director 25X9